

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8 and 13 remain pending in the present application. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 1 is objected to because of informalities. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the objections. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Claim 4 depends from Claim 3. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Seiji (JP 07-209987). Claim 14 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1, 5-8 and 13 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the objection above. Claims 1, 5-8 and 13 have been reviewed and amended to overcome the objections and to amend their preamble to be consistent with Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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